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Attorney Docket No. 24907

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

IGUMNOV et al.

Serial No.: 10/073,001

Art Unit: 1754

Filed: February 12, 2002 Examiner: Langel, Wayne A.

For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING NITROGEN TRIFLUORIDE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 24, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on May 24, 2004. Therefore, a one-month extension of time is attached hereto, extending the period for response to June 24, 2004. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.